



# Heart of the Forest Community Special School Newsletter

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**Mission**

Engage, Enrich and Inspire, together for now and the future

**Vision**

Create relevant opportunities to build skills and knowledge through an aspirational and personalised curriculum, inspiring meaningful experiences and connections with the wider world

**School Value:**

**Heard**

**Empowered**

**Achieving**

**Respected**

**Trusted**

**Safe**



**Star of The Week goes to:**

Class	Child	Reason
Little Apples	Toby	For good use of forest school resources and activities
Little Apples	Elijah	For good engagement with adults at forest school.
Chestnuts	Jackson	For copying the actions and catching up on his work
Maple	Damian	For having an amazing week, making good choices and showing empathy to his adults and peers.
Cherry	Lucas	For great engagement in all activities this week
Cherry	Ella	For working really hard on your physio
Willow	Bonnie	For trying really hard in all areas of learning! Also for going to assembly and sitting with whole school! Well Done Bonnie!!
Hazel	Kabir	For good joining in and singing with our math song this week.
Osprey	Coby	For reading his book from home to the rest of class
Buzzard	Jack	Consistently showing our school values. Showing amazing aspiration in his learning and being an excellent class role model
Peregrine	Maisie	Maisie for using signing more regularly to communicate with staff and peers.
Caracara	Stanley	For adjusting to new staffing changes well within the classroom and for joining his peers on the playground for 2 lunchtimes this week.
Hobby	Mia-Jane	For using her Eye Gaze to say Good Morning this week.
Goshawk	George	Fantastic map reading in Duke of Edinburgh practice
Kestrel	Ollie	For helping Harriet with assembly working towards an ASDAN module.
Forest School	George Churcher	For amazing map reading and route planning in Outdoor Learning this

Polite Reminder to parents

If you arrive at the school gates after 9am or 3pm please do not pull up in front of the gates, please could you pull into one of our laybys and await all traffic to exit the school grounds.

Thank you. 😊



**Key dates for your diary:**

15<sup>th</sup> March - Comic Relief/Red Nose Day

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - term ends for Easter Holidays

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April - return to school

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Pied Piper Appeal Pyjama Day

Red Nose Day takes place on **Friday 15th March 2024**, and it's a day to raise money and awareness of Comic Relief, where everyone can do something to fight poverty through something fun!

This year's theme focuses on supporting those in need during the current living crisis and issues such as homelessness, mental health issues, and a lack of food.

To show our support, here at Heart of the Forest, all staff and pupils will be encouraged to **"wear red to school"** for the day; this could be as simple as a pair of red school socks, red school jumper, or full-on head-to-toe in red! However you would like to show your support, we will be encouraging donations to the comic relief charity via the following link: <https://donation.comicrelief.com/cart/1YsYOwm2pHZgBUhWr8ZL13>

*For this year, there are new red noses to collect too! To celebrate Red Nose Day 2024, four fun characters can be collected, including Gigglesworth, McChortles, Smirklethorpe*



Attendance  
Matters



### Half term Class Attendance 04<sup>th</sup> to 08<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Little Apples	97.5%
Chestnuts	90.00%
Maple	95.00%
Willow	89.17%
Hazel	100.00%
Cherry	88.57%
Hobby	90.00%
Buzzard	96.67%
Osprey	87.14%
Caracara	94.17%
Kestrel	85.00%
Goshawk	83.75%
Peregrine	88.00%



Congratulations to **Hazel** with **100.00%** you are this weeks attendance winners!!



### Family Liaison Workers

Reminder to our families we are available at school daily our email addresses are at the top of the newsletter. We also have a 'drop-in session' each week on a Wednesday between 9-10:30am in the Conference room within school tea/coffee will be available.

Please see the link below for Gloucestershire family information service they have updated their SEND local offer for families. There are some useful links within their page.

<https://www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/kb5/gloucs/glosfamilies/family.page?familychannel=21>



Hazel Class have had a great start to the second half of the Spring Term. We are really enjoying our story of 'Ten Little Robots'. We have been describing the robots, counting the robots and enjoying our sensory story each morning.

In English we have used symbols to write about write about the characteristics of different robots as well as writing about what happened in the story.

In Maths we have shown our understanding of 1 and 'lots' by sorting our robots into different pots. We have also been counting to 10 using the robots as counters.

It has been so busy in class in the afternoons. We have enjoyed our Outdoor Learning lessons, visits from Arts Space, have learnt how to begin to program our own robots in Computing as well as painting our own robot who is almost as big as we are.

We have so much planned for the last few weeks of term. We will be making our own junk robots, learning to recognise and write our names so we can label our own work as well as growing our own seeds in Science.



## Hobby

This term we have been learning about Jungle Discoveries. The pupils engaged with a range of Sensory Stories, Sensology, Massage and Tac Pac sessions all about jungle animals. Using all their senses to explore.

As part of our personal development this term we have had bubbles, slime, and bombs. Getting messy and having fun 😊

Alongside all this fun we have been focusing on our physical development by having regular rebound and hydrotherapy sessions.

